

In this case, there is no explanation in the Restriction Requirement as to why the proposed alternative would be a materially different process, or why Claims 19-32 are not included with Claims 1-18. In addition, there is absolutely no reasoning or guidance provided in the Office letter as to why Group IV is restricted from Group I, why Group II is restricted from Groups I, III and IV, etc. Applicants thus respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement fails to make out a *prima facie* case supportive of Restriction, and for this reason Applicants request that the Requirement be withdrawn and that all claims in this case be examined.

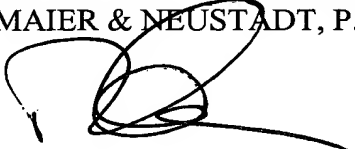
In addition, for a Restriction to be proper a burden must be placed on the Office in examining all claims. Here, a search of all pending claims would entail searching only a few subclasses, and it is respectfully submitted that this field of search does not place an undue burden on the Office.

With regard to the Species election, Applicant does not understand this requirement. The Species overlap exactly with Groups I, II and IV.

Finally, Applicants note that certain provisionally non-elected claims are method claims, and thus rejoinder is respectfully requested. The Examiner is authorized to make the process claims depend from appropriate device claims if necessary for rejoinder and allowance on first action. See MPEP §821.04.

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